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## REPLY TO REQUIREMENT TO RESTRICT UNDER 35 U.S.C. §121

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated January 9, 2006 with a shortened statutory period for reply of one (1) month, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the present application in view of the following remarks. Thus, the submission of this Reply is considered timely. Claims 1-105 are pending.

Applicants elect, with traverse, Group I (including Claim 43) characterized in the restriction requirement, for examination purposes only. In response to the election requirement, Applicants present, for initial search purposes only, Example 6 (p.39). Claims 1-4, 11, 15-18, 20-39, and 42-43 read thereon. (Additionally, Applicants note that Claims 44-48, 55, 59-95 and 96-105 also read thereon). However, Applicants understand that any requirement for election of species to be for initial examination purposes only, in accordance with MPEP §803.02, and not a requirement to restrict the scope of the generic and subgenera claims of this application to such a species. If the Office Action is a requirement to restrict the scope of the generic and subgenera claims to the elected species, Applicants traverse this requirement. Such a requirement would be improper, for the reasons stated in MPEP §803.02, first paragraph. Upon a finding of patentability, the search should be extended to cover non-elected species.

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